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GRUTZBACH  
UTILITY  
V-67

OPPOSITION C/O: **SANDOR**  
**GARY**  
**PETER**

DEFINITION TARGET: Hungarian emigre and emigre groups; miscellaneous information re the Amt BLANK office. Some indication was given that WEFER might also be used as a courier.

PERSONAL CONTACT: Personal contact between PFIZER and the various Hungarian secret societies, principally in Budapest, took place in the Russian Republic of Austria. Meetings also took place in Vienna until 1938 at that center. A meeting was planned for March 1938 at a legitimate PFIZER was given an apartment at a address in Vienna.

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SPFKLIER came to Passau in 1948 and assumed a leading role in the Hungarian Restitution Commission. During the time the Commission was operative, allegations, never completely resolved, existed regarding SPFKLIER's possible activities on behalf of the HHS and the SRIS. SPFKLIER remained in Passau following the expiration of the Hungarian Restitution Commission from Germany by the US Army in 1948. This case originated in September 1953 when the GIS, aware of the difficulties of determining where the control would lay but hoping to exploit this HHS-SRIS connection if it in fact had existed, contacted SPFKLIER through V-67. V-67 persuaded him to write to his former employer in the Hungarian Restitution Commission, ostensibly to renew old friendships and actually in the hope that an opposition recruitment pitch would be forthcoming. Letters were exchanged until the spring of 1954 culminating in an invitation to SPFKLIER to meet his former employer at a cafe in Linz, Austria in May. To no one's surprise SPFKLIER found two Hungarian case officers at the rendezvous in place of his friend. A long period ensued during which time both the HHS and the GIS attempted to establish the bona fides of the D/A and considerable spillover material changed hands. A third Hungarian case officer was introduced into the affair, but during the entire time no identification was made, although it was believed that at least one of the Hungarians was Istvan SZABO who has been identified as an AVN agent. SPFKLIER failed to make contact with his AVN contact at the

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scheduled principle and alternate meetings in January/February 1976, giving all GIS and CIA parties time to reflect on the course the operation had taken. GIS was undecided as to the future of the case and a certain amount of conflict existed. SHUTZBACH wanted to cut V-67 out of the case altogether and turn it over to Dest. 2 or the LfV, but V-67 evidently had support in high places. CIA, meanwhile, had two reasons for hoping the case could be continued: 1) to further monitor the AVH efforts directed against KFE, and particularly one American employed there; and 2) to prolong the GTFEIPER - AVH meetings until an opportunity for a surveillance arose. With respect to the second reason, the latest AVH case officer introduced into the operation appeared to be a resident of the Federal Republic and had scheduled alternate meetings in Munich. After much hesitation on the part of the GIS, they finally agreed that a Munich meeting would be surveilled. As of this date no decision re the future of the case has been forthcoming from the GIS and no further contact between GTFEIPER and the AVH has occurred.